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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat, 131°19.04′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91′ N lat (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74′ N lat.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the **northernmost tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10'** N lat with the **following restrictions:**

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of 131°59.00′ W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of 131°57.80′ W long;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35′ W long.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′

W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10′ N lat, 132°44.78′ W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40′ N lat, 132°24.77′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion:</u> will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long;

<u>Portillo Channel</u>: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.64′ W long to Arrecife Point at 55°27.07′ N lat, 133°25.75′ W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80′ N lat, 133°28.76′ W long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

District 4: will be open.

District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65′ N lat, 134°49.30′ W long, west to the northern tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35′ N lat, 134°52.14′ W long, southeast to the southern tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32′ N lat, 134°51.01′ W long, southeast to a point at 58°28.62′ N lat, 134°48.22′ W long, northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78′ N lat, 134°47.26′ W long, north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99′ N lat, 134°47.41′ W long, north to a marker on the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47′ N lat, 134°47.78′ W long, and north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02′ N lat, 134°48.06′ W long.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within **1.0** nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

Hidden Falls THA: will be open within approximately 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, north of 57°06.76′ N lat, and west of a line

from a point offshore at $57^{\circ}16.28'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}48.00'$ W long to a point offshore at $57^{\circ}06.76'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}43.00'$ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Kasnyku Bay and waters of the THA outside Kasnyku Bay</u>: will be closed south of 57°14.81′ N lat and north of the latitude of White Rock at 57°09.80′ N lat, 134°48.03′ W long.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 22, 2022:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2022.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

To date, 343 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 2,100 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

DIPAC has requested that fisherman awaiting the Amalga Harbor SHA fishery be respectful of recreational users and residents in the Amalga Harbor area. Please do not leave skiffs unattended at the boat launch dock.

The 2022 forecasted run of summer chum salmon to Hidden Falls THA is 304,000 fish. NSRAA anticipates needing 180,000 chum salmon for broodstock. A test fishery conducted by NSRAA in the Hidden Falls THA and sampling of that harvest indicates that broodstock needs will likely be met. Openings at the Hidden Falls THA will be restricted to within approximately 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline. Additional seine openings will be dependent on daily observations and inseason run strength.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 22, 2022.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3922.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 30

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 19, 2022

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	2,700	500	80,000	7,500	90,700	24
District 2	0	2,700	900	95,000	110,000	208,600	45
District 3	0	300	100	1,000	27,000	28,400	11
District 4	0	6,800	2,000	36,000	19,000	63,800	25
Total	0	12,500	3,500	212,000	163,500	391,500	105

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	113	21	3,333	313	3,779	
District 2	0	60	20	2,111	2,444	4,636	
District 3	0	27	9	91	2,455	2,582	
District 4	0	272	80	1,440	760	2,552	

Point Augusta Index Area harvest is confidential. Pink salmon harvest was above the recent 10-year average and well above the even-year average. Chum salmon harvest was well above the recent 10-year average. The pink salmon sex ratio was 62% male.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 65,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: confidential.

Section 13-B: confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 870 Chinook and 26,200 chum salmon.

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